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Attached is a Response to Restriction Requirement for the above referenced matter.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir,

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 9, 2004, applicants respectfully traverse the requirement.

Even assuming that the two groups of claims identified in the Action are independent and distinct, it is not evident that dividing the claims into two groups is required to avoid undue burden on the Office.

It is noted that all of the generic claims (as well as the claims of Group I) were prosecuted to allowance in parent application 09/151,492 as claims 11-17.

Accordingly, withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is solicited.

With this traverse, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group II.

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